

## Sadat's anti-Jewish slur draws sharp criticism in U.S.

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — President Sadat's anti-Jewish slur made on Monday at the National Press club marriage ceremony of the Egyptian President's daughter, Huda, drew sharp criticism from American Jewish organizations and other outraged Americans reacting to the slur.

The conference of Presidents of the American Jewish Organizations, which represents some 82 national Jewish groups, said that the Egyptian President's slur was "a disgraceful and unbecoming statement" and "anti-Semitism." The President's Conference also sent a cable to New York Mayor Beame, congratulating him for not inviting Sadat to receive a symbolic "key" to the city.

The American Jewish Congress, a statement issued yesterday, said that Sadat's remark at the Press club was "a disgraceful and unbecoming statement" and "anti-Semitism." The Congress also sent a cable to New York Mayor Beame, congratulating him for not inviting Sadat to receive a symbolic "key" to the city.

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## No debate now over Sadat's words

By ASHER WALLFISH

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Government does not want to make use just now of President Sadat's remarks on Judaism and Zionism in Washington, for the purpose of its information campaigns.

The Government persuaded the Knesset President yesterday not to grant urgency to a Likud request for a debate on President Sadat's views about the Jews. The request, raised by Haim Landau of the Herut wing, stressed the need to strike while the iron was hot, and flail the Egyptian leader's Nazi-style tirades while he was still in the United States.

Landau appealed the President's "no" to the Knesset House Committee. Earlier, he said in the Knesset that Israel must not lose a day in organizing a campaign against American plans to give Egypt arms, before the presidential elections as well as after.

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Defence Minister Peres looks through binoculars across the Lebanese border yesterday. (Yossi Roth-PCA)

## 8 terror bids from Lebanon foiled — Peres says at border

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HANITA — During the past few weeks there have been eight attempts to infiltrate to Israel from Lebanon, and all of them were thwarted quickly and efficiently, Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

Peres, who toured the northern border area yesterday, said he was impressed by the well-organized defence facilities and the high quality of the troops stationed there. The settlements near the border were also better prepared for emergencies, and more alert than in the past.

The Minister spent considerable time speaking with Druse soldiers and officers near here and at Rosh Hanikra. He had high praise for the Druses both as good soldiers and as citizens of the State.

"It cannot be denied," he said, "that as citizens they often have uncomfortable feelings of being misunderstood and of discrimination. As men who take an active part in defending this country's borders, they deserve equal treatment and appreciation from all residents of the country." Peres promised to do what he can to amend the situation.

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# FIGHTING INTENSIFIES IN BEIRUT

## Karami asks 9 leaders to discuss peace plan

By ANAN SAFADI

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Lebanese Premier Rashid Karami last night broadcast a dramatic invitation for nine of his country's leading political figures to join him in talks aimed at saving the Lebanese capital from a "catastrophe." Beirut yesterday witnessed one of the darkest days in the country's vicious sectarian warfare between right-wing Christians and left-oriented Moslems supported by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Yesterday's clashes marked a sharp escalation in the murderous communal fighting which has been raging in Beirut and elsewhere in Lebanon for about seven months now. This week's casualties, many of whom were reported to be still scattered in the shattered streets and under debris in Beirut, sent the number of those killed soaring toward the 7,000 mark. Beirut's "Al-Safir" daily said that 22,000 were believed to have been wounded.

envoyage a plan to end the fighting and restore normalcy." Premier Karami said over Beirut radio last night while calling upon the country's most prominent political leaders to come to him and work at implementing it. They include five of Karami's Cabinet ministers as well as Lebanon's arch-rivals, Christian Phalangist chief Pierre Jemayel and leftist Druse leader Kamal Junblatt, who is championing the PLO's cause in Lebanon.

A number of these leaders however appeared to have been unable to make their way to Karami in view of the security forces' failure to break through the various residential quarters, reportedly controlled by the PLO which is now openly assisting Moslems and leftists in battling Lebanon's Christian minority of 40 per cent of the population.

Premier Karami had not disclosed his "peace vision" but he indicated that the predominantly Christian establishment has acquiesced to Moslem and leftist demands for political reforms as well as of a PLO memo insisting on an "independent presence" for its various sabotage organizations in Lebanon.

The Lebanese security forces outnumbered and outgunned by the warring private armies, yesterday launched an offensive on several targets, including the Parliament where an assassination attempt was made on Jemayel. The Phalangist leader's aide-de-camp who was standing by his chief was shot dead.

Beirut radio quoted security circles as saying that the Parliament had been raided by a group of armed men who began their assault with a verbal attack on the Lebanese state and its establishment through a loudspeaker. One of these attackers carrying a rifle with a silencer was shot dead in a brief

exchange of fire with guards and militiamen accompanying the few deputies who dared go to the Parliament yesterday.

The incident aggravated the sectarian strife in Beirut where fighting hit a new fury of mortar exchanges later in the day. Beirut radio last night listed over a dozen suburbs as "battlegrounds," adding that almost the entire city was unsafe. Fighting yesterday had spread to the European quarters of the city and to hotels where resisting Christian Phalangists were believed to have sought refuge.

A number of foreign embassies yesterday called in Lebanese armoured vehicles to evacuate their nationals via Beirut's international airport which remains one of the few locations still under full state control.

A UN plane was scheduled to land in Beirut last night to evacuate families. Dependents of personnel at the various UN offices were advised to leave for home or "safe haven areas" which include Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Cyprus as well as Israel, though only 20 UNTSO personnel and civilians were expected to arrive here.

In Washington, White House press secretary Ron Nessen said that the Ford Administration was keeping a close watch on developments in Beirut, and had consulted with other governments on what the U.S. could do to help in that area.



With his leg stretched to give him a tripod effect for better support, a Moslem militiaman takes aim with his Kalashnikov rifle at Christian fighters in Beirut street battle. (AP radiophoto)

## Rabin unworried by Sadat visit

PARIS (AFP). — Premier Yitzhak Rabin told French Television he is not worried by Sadat's U.S. visit, as he hopes no discussions on arms supplies will take place.

He said in an interview broadcast last night that if the Egyptians are dealing more with internal and economic problems — that is, their real problems — this can only serve the interests of both their country and Israel.

Regarding Lebanon, Rabin said he was amazed that no leaders of the Christian community in the world have spoken up on developments there. There is an imminent danger of turning Lebanon into an Islamic state, at the expense of the Christian community there.

"This," he added, "has strengthened beforehand, that we must exist as a Jewish State." He rejected talk of a democratic secular state as "nonsense."

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## 'Milchan to get only small sum for expenses'

By ZEEV SCHUL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Defence Ministry sources here last night stated that no commission had or would be paid to Milchan Bros. for its share in the Hawk and aircraft missile deal. The only sum to be paid to this company would be reimbursement for expenses actually incurred and the total sum would probably not amount to more than a few Israeli pounds.

Earlier this year, the Raytheon Corp., manufacturers of the Hawk, had requested permission from the Pentagon to pay a commission of \$175,000 to their subsidiary, Middlesex International. This would probably have been funneled all or in part to Milchan Bros. The Pentagon, however, denied this request

## Franco suffers a relapse

MADRID (AP). — Gen. Francisco Franco suffered a serious relapse last night and is in an extraordinarily critical condition, his doctors said. Franco's situation "has worsened."

The report listed a series of new complications indicating that the 82-year-old Spanish leader was moving toward his last hours of life after nearly two weeks of illness. The doctors said Franco's intestinal bleeding had increased in the last few hours and he had suffered thrombosis.

"His state is extraordinarily grave," the medical team said. A highly placed source, meanwhile, said the government would decide within 24 hours whether to name Franco's hand-picked successor, Prince Juan Carlos Borbon, as temporary head of state to fill the vacuum created by Franco's lengthy illness.

The Raytheon company yesterday said that its agent in Israel, Milchan Brothers, had been in charge of notifying the Israel Government that it would receive a \$175,000 advance fee from Raytheon following the consummation of the sale of improved Hawk missiles to Israel.

Raytheon spokesman A. Newell Garden told The Jerusalem Post that "all of the documentation on the transaction was provided to the Israel Government by Milchan Brothers." On Sunday, Raytheon, in a statement, said that it had provided the information about the agents fee and the name of the agent's fee and the name of the agent's fee and the name of the agent's fee.

Raytheon had been asked by The Jerusalem Post to disclose when it had notified the Israel Government about the agent's fee. Yesterday, Mr. Garden said that he could not answer that question because Milchan Brothers was supposed to do it, and he did not know when the Israeli arms agent did it. On Sunday, in the Raytheon statement, the company said that it had been done in a "timely" manner.

Garden also said yesterday that the Hawk sale to Israel would probably be consummated shortly. "It has not yet been completed," he said.

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## Syrian 'flesh traders'

CAIRO (AP). — Thirteen Syrians have been arrested for "trading in flesh," police sources said yesterday. They face three-year jail terms.

The men, from 22 to 60 years of age, "married four Egyptians each, flew with them to Syria where they divorced them and forced the women to work as prostitutes," police said.

# Egyptian President, Schlesinger meet on possible arms deal

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies

WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat talked with Defence Secretary James Schlesinger yesterday about possible U.S. military aid before meeting again with President Ford, who already has pledged major economic aid to Egypt.

The meeting with Schlesinger was regarded largely as a protocol visit, as Egypt's military needs have been spelled out during Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's frequent trips to the Middle East.

Administration sources said the key element in the question of U.S. arms aid is when — not whether — it will be given.

Spokesmen for both sides said Sadat would meet Monday with Kissinger to ask Congress for major economic aid to Egypt for this year. The Egyptian leader, who was smiling as he entered the White House, was in an obviously good mood following an official state dinner Monday night. Black singer Pearl Bailey entertained, although Country-Western singer Johnny Cash had been originally scheduled. Sadat is known to be admirer of the "Wild West." Cash could not perform because of exhaustion, officials said.

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"My own wife, Betty, is doing much to inform me about the rights and problems of women in the new freedoms of modern society. So I am pleased to observe that Mrs. Sadat has distinguished herself in your nation by her contributions both to the well-being of all Egyptians and to a new consciousness of the status of women and efforts to achieve equality of opportunity."

Secretary Kissinger yesterday

Air raid sirens sound in Cairo

CAIRO (AP). — Air raid sirens went off by mistake yesterday in the downtown shopping area, causing traffic confusion. The sirens were last heard during the October 1973 war with Israel.

hosted a luncheon for Sadat at the State Department. Later in the afternoon Sadat had a closed press conference for invited journalists only. No Israeli reporters were invited.

Sadat is being accompanied by several Egyptian journalists and a large party of security officials and aides, including Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy. Wherever Sadat goes in Washington, U.S. Secret Service agents, municipal police and Egyptian security officials have combined to form a virtually hermetic seal around him.

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Mary Ross, 44, of Toronto on Sunday struggles in vain, left, to untangle the lines of her main parachute as she fell more than 700 metres. Only 65 metres above the ground, right, Mrs. Ross cut free of her tangled chute. She did not have time to open a reserve chute and crashed to the ground. She is survived by her husband and two children. (AP radiophoto)

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## Officer may be tried in death of two Syrians

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An IDF second lieutenant may be court-martialed in connection with the killing of two Syrian soldiers on the Golan Heights two weeks ago, military sources reported. The two crossed into Israeli territory with their herds and reportedly failed to heed warning shots.

Israel apologized to Syria through the UN for the incident, to prevent a rise in tension in the area.

The officer who may be tried was in command of the unit which fired the shots. The Prime Minister, the Defense Minister and the Chief of Staff are all reported to have been angry about the incident, and the latter was said to have ordered the inquiry, results of which are now being studied.

## Nine held in bid to sabotage Gaza council

GAZA. — Security forces have arrested nine persons suspected of membership in a cell organized recently to sabotage the new municipal council, headed by Mayor Rashad Shawa, formed last week. Among the suspects is the secretary of Gaza's Red Crescent Organization (affiliate of the Red Cross).

The cell, apparently, was organized within a single clan, as all the suspects were related, in some way, to lawyer Ibrahim Abu-Sita, who ran for the mayor's post in the past. The suspects had in their possession various weapons and explosives.

Security forces have disclosed that a hand grenade was thrown nearly three weeks ago at the home of Mayor Shawa (no damage or casualties were caused). Two attacks were made the day before Shawa's installation on the homes of two members of the new council.

## Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Belgian Ambassador Frans Willems, who is completing his tour of duty in Israel after five years. Ambassador Willems, also called on Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu.

A West German trade union delegation from North Rhine-Westphalia yesterday called on Mr. Yeshayahu. The delegation, headed by Werner Figen, also met with Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev.

The State Comptroller, Dr. L.E. Nebenzahl, yesterday met in Jerusalem with Canadian Ambassador Edward Graham Lee.

Douglas Hoff of the Civil Service Commission in Washington, DC, called on the Civil Service Commissioner Ya'acov Nitzan at his office in Jerusalem on Monday.

The Rouseau Family Building for the Centre of Pre-Academic Studies was dedicated yesterday on the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus by university president Avraham Harman and MK Avraham Shechterman, with members of the Rouseau family of Cedarhurst, New York, present. The dedication was followed by a dinner in honour of the donors at the Belgium House Faculty Club, at which Police Minister Shlomo Hilel spoke.

Professor Binyamin Mazar will lecture on the Herodian period at the Weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, at the YMCA, at 1 p.m. today.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a Ladies' Night at the Dan Carmel Hotel at 8 this evening. U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Malcolm Toon will be guests of honour.

## ARRIVALS

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, from Germany, where he took part in the opening of the German Liberal Party national convention, at the invitation of Foreign Minister Ezer Weizman, arrived in Jerusalem, Liberal Party president (by Lia) Shalom.

The president of the Yiddish PEN Club in the U.S., S.L. Shneiderman, for a short visit.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. Weather synopsis: Weak trough over eastern Mediterranean.

|             | Yesterday's Min-Max | Today's Min-Max |
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| Jerusalem   | 15-22               | 13-24           |
| Tel Aviv    | 16-21               | 10-22           |
| Nahariya    | 14-20               | 14-26           |
| Safed       | 10-19               | 10-20           |
| Haifa       | 16-25               | 18-26           |
| Tiberias    | 14-26               | 14-26           |
| Nazareth    | 17-26               | 14-26           |
| Afula       | 11-26               | 11-26           |
| Shomron     | 14-24               | 14-25           |
| Be'er Sheva | 17-24               | 16-25           |
| Eilat       | 13-27               | 13-27           |
| Jericho     | 14-24               | 12-27           |
| Gaza        | 14-25               | 15-26           |
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# EL AL STRIKERS ADMIT THEY WANT REGRADING

By ZEEV SCHUL

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — In another inconclusive meeting with Histadrut trade union leaders here yesterday, representatives of El Al's 600 striking workshop mechanics yesterday for the first time openly admitted that they were out to obtain regrading. They are generally willing to return to work, *The Jerusalem Post* was told, but only in return for some satisfaction on this request, which the Histadrut is not in a position to grant them.

Trade union leader, Yehoshua Weolcina told an Israeli Radio reporter later yesterday that the strikers' staff committee was evidently unable to order a return to work without "achieving something" first.

## No clear and definite answer to euthanasia

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — There is no clear and definite answer to the problem of mercy killing, or euthanasia, a panel of eight experts agreed here last night.

The panel of doctors, philosophers, a psychiatrist and an orthodox rabbi were summing up a two-hour discussion on the problem at the closing session of an internal medicine conference at the municipal auditorium, held under the auspices of the Technion. They accepted the conclusion of moderator Prof. A. De Vries that the doctor's decision depended on the circumstances of each case and the culture and society in which he lives.

In an extreme case of hopeless suffering being prolonged by artificial means it was up to the doctor's judgement and conscience whether to commit "negative euthanasia" by stopping treatment, De Vries said.

Rabbi Nahum Kook, who vehemently supported the absolute sanctity of human life, admitted to a loophole in Halacha. He said it did not permit the withholding of treatment that might prevent a dying man from dying, "but it does not define the term dying."

Philosophy Prof. Gershon Weller held that a man's life was his own

Yesterday's three-and-a-half-hour meeting was with a special committee nominated by Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel in an effort to terminate what may well turn out to be the costliest strike in El Al's history. No date for an additional meeting has been set, but contact will be maintained.

The strike was in its 13th day yesterday, when over 1,900 passengers were turned over to foreign airlines. This brings the total to date to 24,700 transferred passengers.

Asker Wallfish reports from the Knesset:

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi yesterday described the El Al strikers' demands for "social justice" as a farce. The mechanics who

have cost the Israeli tax-payers many millions of pounds are in fact a "sated and economically well-established group," the minister said, in summing up the Knesset's plenum debate on the strike before the vote.

The House approved Ya'acobi's statement by 49 votes to 35, with only the Coalition backing it. The opposition factions — large and small — voted against, each for its own reason.

Last week's abortive attempts to work out a joint motion summing up the debate were no more successful this week either. Labour refused to accept the Likud clause about the need for compulsory arbitration in essential services — an idea which it has decided to combat today also when the Likud's Moshe Nissim presents a private bill on it.

Ya'acobi said in his statement yesterday that strikers in El Al had put demands to the Histadrut in the course of their contracts which involved pay increases and had nothing to do with social justice. They wanted the Histadrut, the airline management and their committee to discuss a new table of pay grades and a re-assessment of functions, he said. They wanted to be assured of full pay for the days they were striking. They wanted all legal proceedings and police inquiries against lawbreakers annulled. And they wanted a commission of inquiry set up to probe the situation in the national airline.

Ya'acobi said that one of his key aims now was to ensure the formation of one single joint labour council for all El Al employees. The Histadrut and the Government had tried to reach this aim once before, but failed. He hoped all El Al employees would now realize the crucial importance of creating a roof body so that the phenomenon of 600 men keeping 5,000 of their fellow workers idle would not recur. (Viewpoint — page 8)

## Cancer Society to hold annual drive Nov. 4

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A bloodless battle aimed at preserving life — the fight against cancer — began its 40th year yesterday at the President's Residence, as 150 volunteers of the Israel Cancer Society held a national assembly and opened its 1976 campaign.

President Ephraim Katzir, a patron of the society, congratulated the volunteers on behalf of the nation for their efforts at combating the deadly disease.

The annual "Knock on Every Door" campaign will take place on Tuesday, November 4, with some 45,000 people visiting homes to collect contributions. The society hopes to raise IL2.5m. of its projected IL10m. budget in the door-to-door effort.

Suky Eban, president of the society, announced the establishment of a permanent fund, totalling IL500,000, in honour of Prof. Yitzhak Bernblum, who was chairman of the cancer society for the past quarter century and a cancer researcher for nearly 50 years. (The newly elected chairman is Yohanan Forman.) The fund will provide grants to outstanding Israeli cancer researchers on an annual basis.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg outlined the activities of the cancer society, including care for patients, detection stations and research grants. He asserted that the disease must be explained to the public openly, without fear and with devotion, so that awareness would spread.

About 70 to 80 per cent of all cancer cases are the result of environmental factors, said Prof. Baruch Modan chairman of the clinical epidemiology department at the Sheba Medical Centre. Learning more about these causes will give doctors hope for success in preventing the disease.

Prof. Modan noted that the incidence of cancer is proportionately higher among the Ashkenazi population than among Sephardim. But since the number of cases rises with the standard of living, he said, the gap between the two communities can be expected to narrow. He urged regular examinations for cancer — especially among low economic groups who are less likely to visit their doctor on a regular basis.

Prof. Eliezer Robinson, head of the Oncology Institute at Rambam Hospital in Haifa, advocated the establishment of centralized cancer treatment facilities for each district around the country.

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## 30 firms honoured with Josephthal safety prizes

By AARON SEITNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Haifa petrochemical manufacturer and a Jerusalem chicken dresser were among the 30 business firms honoured at the President's Residence yesterday at the annual Josephthal Industrial Safety Award presentation.

More than 500 companies, large and small, vied for the 1975 honours. But officials of the Institute for Work Safety and Hygiene, the sponsors, chose only 30 entries. The Labour Minister's Shield went to Dor Chemicals of Haifa, a leading exporter of petrochemicals. Diligent work by its own safety committee resulted last year in an average lost-day record (per thousand workdays) of only 2.5, compared with 15 days lost, which is the norm in Israel's chemical industries.

Winner of the second prize — IL1,500 in cash — was Of Yerushalayim of the Capital, a wholesale marketer of dressed poultry. Institute inspectors found superior safety conditions at the plant despite such factors as the high noise level of live hens awaiting slaughter, strobe, high-speed electric and compressed-air feather plucking apparatus, and walkways made slippery by fresh fowl's entrails.

President Katzir told the winners, "As a biologist, I believe it has taken nature hundreds of millions

of years to create man as we know him today. Nevertheless, we must try our best to correct certain traits nature has bestowed in man, to keep him from getting hurt."

The President urged employers to improve the physical environment of their plants and to reduce tension and weariness among their workers. He said Israeli workers seem more prone to work accidents because of the high labour turnover and insufficient training given to new immigrants entering the labour market.

Labour Minister Moshe Baran reported that road and work safety committees resulted last year in an average lost-day record (per thousand workdays) of only 2.5, compared with 15 days lost, which is the norm in Israel's chemical industries.

He charged Israelis with being insufficiently safety-conscious, adding, "During my 12 years' tenure as head of the Jerusalem Labour Council, I handled thousands of workers' complaints on all issues from wage demands to working conditions. But not a single request ever reached me concerning faulty safety conditions at a place of work. This proves Israeli workers just are not aware of the importance of safety at their jobs."

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Moshe Dayan addresses UJA members from the balcony of his home. At left are UJA leaders Leonard Bell of Boston and Joel Breslau of Washington.

## DAYAN TELLS UJA GROUP: U.S. could force Egypt to end belligerency

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If the U.S. insisted that Egypt and its state of belligerency with Israel, Egypt would do it, former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday. Addressing 450 United Jewish Appeal leaders at his home in Zehala, MK Dayan said the U.S. was now in a position to make this demand of the Egyptians.

"Sadat needs American economic and military help," he said. "The destinies of this area are forged in

Washington more than in Moscow, more than in Israel. If America insists that Egypt end belligerency, Egypt will do it."

Instead, however, the U.S. chose several months ago, to press Israel to relinquish important ground without doing away with the threat to her security, he went on. In doing so, the U.S. was about to miss a historical opportunity to make a real move toward peace in the Middle East," Dayan said.

"It should be the duty of the United States to press for peace — because she is not only a superpower, but also the leader of the free world. The U.S. should not give Sadat an option for war," Dayan added. He said, in reply to a question, that he did not envisage war in the near future "if it was Egypt's choice." But Syria and the Soviet Union may instigate hostilities, in which case Egypt would be unable to stand aside, he added.

While the Middle Eastern situation was "simply a matter of foreign policy" for the U.S., Dayan observed, "for us and the Jewish People it is a matter of life or death." He urged Jews all over the world "to show warmth — not only economic help."

Dayan envisaged the possibility of a Syrian take-over in Lebanon, in which case Israel's reaction would depend on how much the new situation endangered her. He said he regretted the anti-Zionist vote in the United Nations, but observed that Jews would not change their ideals because of a UN vote. Asked what, in his opinion, the Soviet Union was seeking in the Middle East, Dayan said, "Primarily, political influence. So far, the Middle East has been rather a liability to the Russians. But they want influence."

## Israel protests 'Times' editorial

LONDON (Reuter). — Israel's Ambassador to Britain yesterday charged "The Times" with grievously affronting common decency when it said in an editorial on Monday that Israelis were "almost dying of laughter" about the Lebanese situation.

In a letter published by "The Times" yesterday, Gideon Rafael said the editorial, with a "monstrous mental sneer," had worked itself up "to the climax of abject abuse of my people."

Far from seeing cause for rejoicing in the Lebanese tragedy, Rafael wrote, "We are saddened at the indifference displayed by Lebanon's friends. We have tasted that bitter cup of silence ourselves in our darkest hours."

"When our people were dying in their millions to the hollow laughter of our tormentors, the outside world was deaf at the sound of horror. No, Israelis are not dying of laughter."

"What apparently is dying is common decency, as so grievously revealed in the invidious affront of your editorial — and this is certainly no cause for laughter."

## Conference of N. Africans goes to Beit Shean Hillel: Coming recession must not hurt the poor

Jerusalem Post Staff

BEIT SHEAN. — Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Social Betterment, told the World African Conference of Jews of North African Origin here yesterday that during the coming recession the weaker social strata must not be hurt and that welfare benefits must be increased — even at the expense of the well-to-do.

Hillel told the delegates, who met yesterday in this mainly Moroccan Jewish development town, that those members of the North African community who had pulled themselves up should help their still-struggling brethren. He stressed that the country's development towns, many of them established by immigrants from the Islamic countries in the 50s, would serve as the country's security belt if they remained strong.

Ra'anan Weitz, head of the Settlement Department of the World Zionist Organization, told the participants a new settlement of North African Jews, now living in France, was to be founded in the Rafah Approaches. He said the group would raise out-of-season vegetables for export to Europe.

Weitz stressed the role of North African Jewry as pioneers and pointed out that of 300 settlements established in Israel since 1948, 110

were peopled by North African immigrants. Other speakers included Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzan and Knesset members Jacques Amir (Alignment) and Yitzhak Peretz (Likud).

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## Bid to stop Almogi thrown out of court

HAIFA. — The District Court yesterday dismissed an application for an injunction against Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi, which sought to prevent his candidacy for the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency, and against the Labour Party, which nominated him for the post.

The application was submitted by Haifa engineer Moshe Meller, who claimed that Almogi's promise to serve a full term constituted a contractual commitment to the electorate. Meller did not question Almogi's right to resign, but he contested his right to do so for the sake of another post.

In rejecting the application, the judge indicated that the dispute was entirely political in nature and had no place in a court of law. (Times)

## Zuabi back in Alignment fold, to stand for Nazareth mayor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Fear of a New Communist victory in Nazareth at the December 9 municipal elections has galvanized the Labour-Mapam Alignment into a dramatic change in its election planning.

After more than a year of estrangement, the former Alignment-affiliated mayor, Seif e-Din Zuabi, MK, has been reconciled with the local "young guard" of the Alignment and the Alignment's central headquarters, and has been asked to stand as candidate for mayor once more.

Hitherto, the Alignment's central headquarters was reluctant to put Zuabi's name forward as candidate for mayor because it feared that the younger, establishment-oriented organization would boycott him. The remaining names on Zuabi's list will be decided at a meeting in Tel Aviv today under the chairmanship of Ra'anan Cohen, head of Labour's Arab affairs department.

Labour has asked the NRP to collaborate in an all-out campaign to keep the New Communists from power.

The New Communist list will be headed by Tawfik Ziyad, MK. The New Communists promised the Nazareth Academic Committee every alternate place on the electoral list — second, fourth, sixth and so on.

## Hammer, Rabin meet on welfare

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Religious Party's candidate for Minister of Social Welfare, Zevulun Hammer, conferred last night with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on some of the issues he is likely to face when he enters the Cabinet.

Hammer, who heads the Young Guard of his NRP, got the green light from the NRP last week to enter the Cabinet. Next Sunday the Cabinet is due to approve his entry — which must be preceded by a Government announcement in the Knesset.

Rabin and Hammer discussed a wide range of political, social and economic issues, as well as his specific sphere — welfare.

Despite an extensive press report that Rabin would advise Hammer to abandon his quasi-opponentist profile once in the Cabinet, this matter is not thought to have come up in the conversation.

## Likud MK in UN delegation backs Herzog

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Likud Knesset Member, Shmuel Zaiman Abramov has taken up the "cause" of UN Ambassador Haim Herzog.

In a letter from New York to Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Abramov wrote yesterday that Herzog had quite rightly warned for weeks that public opinion in Israel and the U.S. was insufficiently aware of the danger inherent in the anti-Zionist crusade at the UN.

Abramov wrote that, as a member of the Israeli delegation to the General Assembly, he was well placed to judge the justice of Ambassador Herzog's case.

Herzog has been sharply criticized both here and in New York, following a speech on Friday in which he accused American Jewry of "passivity" in the face of the anti-Zionist resolution.

Abramov wrote in his letter that he had been present at Herzog's speech, and that the ambassador had attacked Jewish public opinion in general, not the Jewish leadership specifically. Herzog had not criticized the Government of Israel, Abramov attested.

## MK asks rabbis about women on religious councils

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Knesset Member Menahem Ego of the Aguda has challenged the two chief rabbis to give their views on whether a woman may serve as a member of a religious council.

His curiosity was prompted by a letter the Director-General of the Religious Affairs Ministry, Davy Glass, wrote to MK Marcia Friedman of the Ya'ad faction. She wanted to know why there were no women on the councils. According to Glass, there was no objection to a woman as such belonging to such a body, provided she was there as representative of an organization eligible for representation.

In a parliamentary question, Ratbi Porus asked Minister of Religious Affairs Yitzhak Peretz who it was in the ministry that authorized Glass to approve women's presence on religious councils if they represent officially recognized bodies. And, Rabbi Porus added, he wants Raphael to canvass the two chief rabbis to let rabbis also over the question as well to hear their opinions on the advisability of allowing women to be members of religious council.

## Immigrant charged in wedding hall murder

HAIFA. — Michael Watna, a Russian immigrant, was charged with first-degree murder in District Court here yesterday in the fatal stabbing of a fellow immigrant, Zunya Fichtman.

The killing took place three weeks ago outside a wedding hall where both the victim and the accused were guests.

(Times)

## Dental amendment aims to upgrade practitioners

By Aaron Sittner  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government has decided to put some legislative teeth into the dental Practice Ordinance of 1945, said Minister Victor Shemtov told Knesset yesterday, as he proposed an amendment to the ordinance.

The amendment would forbid a dentist to call himself "doctor" unless he holds an academic degree in addition to his dental certificate. Moreover, the academic degree must be of the type recognised by the Ministry of Health.

One of the chief aims of the amendment, however, is to close the gap between dental practitioners and dentists by having the practitioners take certain qualifying courses followed by examinations.

Shemtov explained that the proposed amendment sought to meet a problem posed by Soviet and Cuban immigrants — dental practitioners who wished to work in Israel.

However, many of these practitioners were at the age where substituting them to a full university dental school course of study would be unrealistic and contrary to professional standards.

Shemtov said that the amendment would be maintained in the field of dentistry.

ILP's Yehuda Shahar took the opposite view, supporting the bill. "I too want to see professionalism in the dental clinic," he declared. "But in passing the Law of Return, we committed ourselves to the principle of welcoming all Jews who wish to settle here. Part of that welcome is to allow them to continue to practise their occupations here even if veteran Israelis cannot practise that profession without having to have more schooling than the immigrants."

The bill was voted to committee.

## New bid to cut parents out of inheritance

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Orphans will no longer have to share their parents' estates with their grandparents, under an amendment to the Inheritance Law which was voted to committee yesterday on the first reading.

One reason why the Justice Ministry sought to make this change in the law was the tension which developed in some cases between war widows and their parents-in-law over the estate. The in-laws now have the right to one-sixth of the estate.

A similar law which almost passed in the Knesset in 1968 failed to gain a majority at the last moment.

The grandparents' right to one-sixth of the estate is a relic of the Ottoman meşhale legal code once in force here.

## Shahal, Eiland clash on produce middlemen's profits

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new clash erupted yesterday between the Director-General of Agriculture Ministry, Shimon Eiland, and MK Moshe Shahal, head of the Consumers Council, over the issue of middlemen's profits in the marketing of agricultural produce.

The sharp confrontation came at a meeting of the Knesset Economic Committee. A similar dispute over a subject took place last week when both men appeared on television.

Citing a Consumers Council report on "The Brokerage Gap in Marketing Fresh Fruits and Vegetables," Shahal claimed there were many links in the marketing chain between farmer and consumer.

He called for the appointment of an impartial investigation commission that would recommend steps to correct the abuses.

Eiland, assailed the Consumers Council and its head for having dismissed the report without having first consulted with his ministry to determine the facts.

Shahal's view was supported by Binyamin Shahal, a representative of Tnuva. He said Tnuva's commission ranges between 1.25 and 4 per cent.

The Economic Committee will meet again on the question next week.

On Monday 20 MKs from several factions representing the country of farming community told Eiland that the issue of middlemen's profits on farm produce should be taken seriously.

At the same time, the MKs conceded at a meeting with the ministry chief at the Knesset that some of the public criticism about these profits had gone overboard.

Zvi Gershuni (Alignment), who heads the unofficial "farmer-MKs club" at the Knesset, told The Jerusalem Post that while the gap between producer and wholesaler was reasonable, the gap between wholesaler and consumer was excessive.

House to air 'intervention' by Meir on Ikrit

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A press report that former Premier Golda Meir persuaded Premier Yitzhak Rabin not to allow a Cabinet discussion on the fate of displaced Arab villagers from two points in Galilee will be aired in a Knesset question.

Abraham Melamed (NRP) tabled a question to Premier Rabin, asking him whether these reports about the villages of Ikrit and Bir'im were true. If so, he asked whether this system of personal intervention was in line with proper government practice.

Ikrit and Bir'im were evacuated in 1948 for security reasons. The villagers have several times pleaded to be allowed to return.



Participants in Tel Aviv's emergency drill yesterday can't seem to take it too seriously — but they nevertheless went through the motions of "evacuating" children from "hit" and "safe" areas.

## 'War emergency' drill held in Tel Aviv

By SARAH HONG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The city went on a war footing yesterday as "enemy missiles" bombarded the city, citizens were evacuated to make-shift shelters, and emergency measures were taken to assure continued production at essential industrial plants.

But it was all make believe — part of the largest emergency services drill held here since the Yom Kippur war. The bombs were imaginary, the victims were giggling school children, and in the factories it was just another day's work.

Yet the exercise was serious. Three days ago city fathers were "warned" that there was mounting military tension and an outbreak of "hostilities" was imminent.

Mayor Shimon Lahat duly convened the Melah committee and the IDF are to analyse the performance of the emergency services, draw conclusions and try to correct flaws.

up and were busy "assuring the continuation of essential services and the supply of basic provisions."

While the "bombardment" of the city was at its heaviest, the mayor visited "wounded" women and children who were receiving emergency treatment at special centres — taking their "injuries" in remarkable good humour.

Others, whose homes were "destroyed," were moved to make-shift shelters and hotels and offered light meals.

Crews were dispatched to hastily repair water mains which burst as a result of the enemy fire. Efforts were made to keep children in schools despite the emergency. Gadiya youth were recruited for a variety of emergency missions, and the municipal information bureau continued to function.

## Seminar on cost of social services

Subsidies may be next victim of belt-tightening

By DAVID KRIVINE  
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Subsidies are likely to be the next sacrifice in the Government's economy drive. This was the consensus in a seminar on the economic cost of Israel's social services, held in Jerusalem yesterday.

The seminar, presided over by Yaacov Arnon, former director-general of the Treasury, was run by the Treasury's Budget Division.

The occasion was a commemoration of four members of the division who fell in the Yom Kippur War — Gad Boneh, Micha Gildad, Beeri Hazak and Amos Miller.

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi told the conference that excessive welfare today could mean penny tomorrow. It is better to concentrate a lot of aid on the few in need, rather than dish out a little aid to everybody, he said.

Subsidies (on selected foods and bus fares) will cost over IL2,000m. next year, he said. The children's allowance — given indiscriminately to rich and poor — will cost another IL2,000m. This is a wasteful use of funds, the minister implied.

Well-to-do people should also pay more for their secondary and university education; and the authorities should devote less public funds to housing.

Reports that revenue in 1976/77 will fall IL2,000m. short (about 10 per cent) of projected expenditure suggest every avenue should be explored to economize on outlays. Abolition of the subsidies could make a big inroad in this deficit.

Ya'acobi scored rigidities in the economy that prevent improvement. He recalled that in the recession of 1966-67 consumption fell — but that led to unemployment, not increased exports. This time it is necessary to do better.

He warned that belt-tightening will not end in the coming year. The idea has been entertained in Cabinet discussions that all will be rosy again in 1977. This illusion is not unconnected with the fact that elections are due in November 1977, he pointed out, amid laughter.

Michael Bruno, the Treasury's economic adviser, suggested that the public should pay more for all its social services, including health. The Government should decentralize some of its activities to the local authorities, he added.

## Youth Aliya centre named for Matzkin

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rose Matzkin, national president of Hadassah — the largest Jewish organization in the U.S. — yesterday dedicated a Youth Aliya centre in Tel Aviv, named in her honour.

This is the first urban day centre opened by Youth Aliya, which has to date established some 20 rural and residential centres.

The new urban centres will provide general and vocational courses for children who drop out of the regular school system, and for immigrant children who arrive in Israel without their parents. The Rose Matzkin Centre already has 100 boys and girls enrolled.

Klarman also spoke yesterday at the dedication of another Youth Aliya vocational centre — in Ofakim — which was named for Raquel Newman. Mrs. Newman also dedicated two-day creches — one in Ofakim and the other in Netivot.

## Courts to punish city employees under new bill

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Disciplinary courts, rather than town councils, would have the authority to punish or dismiss municipal workers under a bill tabled in the Knesset Monday and approved on the first reading.

The bill, brought to the House by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, is in the form of an amendment to the Municipalities Ordinance. One of its aims is to legalize a move made by the Tel Aviv Municipality, which has established its own disciplinary court — although the Municipalities Ordinance gives disciplinary powers only to town councils, with the approval of the District Representative.

The amendment would give municipalities the opportunity to establish disciplinary tribunals similar to those operating under the aegis of the Civil Service Commission. Minister Burg also proposed that the requirement for the District Representative's approval be eliminated since this practice is merely a vestige of Mandate times.

## FRENCH APPEALS COURT: No action against war criminal Touvier

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — A French appeals court yesterday ruled out further criminal action against Paul Touvier, a leading French wartime Nazi collaborator who was twice sentenced to death in his absence and each time escaped execution. The Paris court ruled that the 10-year Statute of Limitations applied to Touvier, who sent dozens of Jewish and other resistance fighters to their deaths in World War II.

Touvier, now in his early 80s, was regional commander of the Nazis' French militia for the Lyons area of central France. He was granted clemency by President Georges Pompidou in 1971, after 26 years on the run.

In confirming that the 10-year Statute of Limitations applied to Touvier, the appeals court declined to hear charges brought by families of Touvier's victims that he was guilty of crimes against humanity. These charges are not subject to the 10-year limit.

Touvier has never attempted to answer the principal charges against him: two grenades thrown into a Lyons synagogue, where several persons were injured; the seizure of 37 hostages, many of whom never returned from Nazi concentration camps; the arrest of fairground owner Albert Nathan; and the delivery to their Nazi killers of Victor Basch, 80-year-old president of the French League for Human Rights, and his wife.

In a recent television interview, Touvier said the only charge of which he was guilty was the selection of seven Jews for a Nazi firing squad: "We did not go hunting for people to kill. We were forced to do so. What was the alternative? To say 'no' to the Germans? Yes, I know. I admit I knew they were going to be shot," Touvier said.

In reaction to the court's decision

yesterday, the Liaison Committee for the Resistance of Savoy — the Alpine area where Touvier's crimes were perpetrated — said: "It is unthinkable for the court to reject and exclude the charges laid against Paul Touvier, a war criminal, whereas France has unanimously voted against a statute of limitations on war crimes."

The statement also criticized Touvier for granting a newspaper interview in hiding in which he carefully sidetracked the charges against him and concentrated on charges which had not been made in the courts.

## Voting continues on West Bank

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The second stage of the West Bank local council elections will begin today in 35 villages. Some parts of these villages will complete voting next Monday. By Tuesday morning 57 villages will have new councils — the first to be elected under Israel's aegis.

A total of 226 new councillors have already been elected in the election which took place Monday in 26 villages. They included 86 farmers, 31 merchants, 29 drivers, 28 labourers, 24 teachers and others of unspecified professions. Most were newcomers, as only 54 of those elected served in the outgoing councils.

Meanwhile, the Judea and Samaria Command yesterday announced dramatic new wage benefits for government employees in the West Bank.

These include compensation for price increases, retroactive from last June, and family allowances retroactive from December of 1974. The military administration had in the past paid family allowances for four children under 14 years of age. This is now amended to 18. In addition, IL18 will also be paid for every additional child. Retroactive payments will be added to this month's and next month's salaries. The Command spokesman said last night.

THE KNESSET INTERIOR Committee yesterday voted to require all localities with populations exceeding 50,000 to engage the services of a lawyer, to serve the local authority as a legal adviser. The requirement will be included in the Local Authorities Law.

## Membrane of placenta found to be best dressing for severe burns

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The membrane of the placenta (afterbirth) has proved superior to pigskin as a medical dressing for massive burns, according to experimental work carried out by Prof. Nahum Ben-Hur of Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem.

Prof. Theodore Wisnitzer of Ichilov Hospital discussed the discovery in outlining several of the 164 scientific papers he delivered at the 11th national conference of the Israel Surgical Society, which opens on Sunday in Tel Aviv. Some 500 surgeons will attend.

Prof. Wisnitzer noted that the placenta discovery was a direct consequence of the Yom Kippur War, when many soldiers were severely burned when their tanks went up in flames.

Although no Israeli ever objected on religious grounds to the use of life-saving pigskin as a surgical dressing, it still had many disadvantages, he said. It had to be imported and kept in stock in a skin bank for one. "But it is easy to obtain the membrane of a placenta any time, for babies continue to be born during wars."

The placenta membrane has other advantages, he added, saying that it was physiologically identical with human skin, and gave a much closer match than pigskin.

What is believed to be another Israeli medical first is the use of thermography to pinpoint, with eighty per cent accuracy, cancers of the thyroid gland. Thermography was originally developed as a means of spotting breast cancer. It works on the principle that any tumour, cancerous or benign, is hotter than the surrounding area, and this heat can be detected electronically.

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## Haifa Port largely idle

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Haifa Port was largely idle yesterday, as cargo volume again dipped to an unusual low for this season. Only 18 gangs of stevedores were deployed during the two shifts, loading and discharging seven freighters. Almost two thirds of the work force was idle.

The port spokesman said that work is expected to pick up a little next week as citrus exports increase.

The secretary of the Shippers Council, Arye Meshulam, said that the dearth of cargoes resulted from the new economic policy. He noted that the demand for consumer goods has dipped lately and importers are further restricting their purchases abroad, so that the low-import trend would become even more marked during the next three months. As a result, he expected that this year's winter season, which is the high season in the ports, will pass without any congestion, unless labour disputes cause holdups.

## English publication by nature society

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Society for the Protection of Nature has published an English journal, with the October issue containing articles translated from the society's Hebrew bi-monthly. The English journal will be published quarterly.

1,800 KIBBUTZ MEMBERS have already volunteered to help students living in 28 development towns throughout the country, and the Education Ministry hopes to enlist a further 800 volunteers to help out in the study-aid project.

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## Morocco and Mauritania may share territory

## Crucial talks may result in Sahara partition

MARRAKESH (UPI). — Morocco and Mauritania dispatched high-level delegations yesterday to Madrid for what Moroccan government officials described as talks crucial to getting Spanish agreement to dividing the Spanish Sahara between them.

The Moroccan officials said the next 48 hours may tell whether the Spanish Sahara will be partitioned between Morocco and Mauritania.

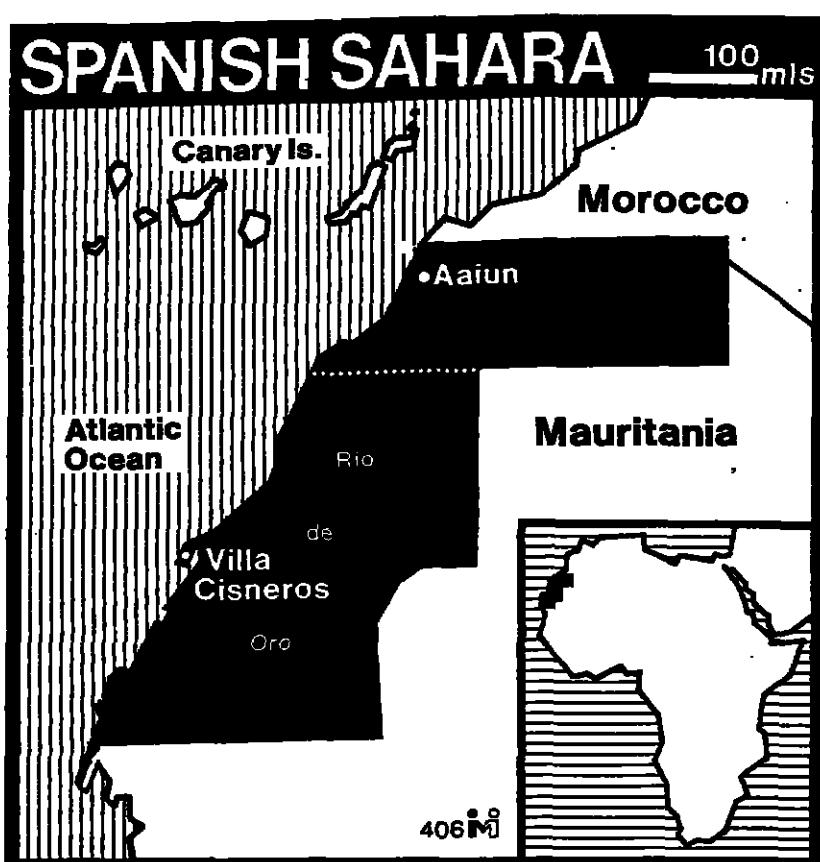
The government officials said the delegations to Madrid were trying to convince the Spanish government that it should ask a vote of the territorial parliament, which Spain set up in the Sahara capital of Aaiun, on dividing the territory between Mauritania and Morocco.

The delegations, headed by Moroccan Foreign Minister Ahmed Laraki and his Mauritania counterpart, Hamdi Ould Mouknaas, reportedly were presenting a plan incorporating the El Hamra region of the Sahara into Hassan's kingdom. The Rio de Oro region south of the river of that name would go to Mauritania, the Moroccan sources said.

Both Morocco and Mauritania claim historical, geographic and ethnic links to the region, claims recognized by the world court at The Hague on October 18, though the court said a self-determination vote as planned by Spain and supported by the United Nations, could be held.

The court also ruled no nation had sovereignty over the Spanish Sahara, causing King Hassan II of Morocco to order a "peaceful march" of 350,000 Moroccans to claim the territory.

King Hassan reiterated on Monday in a French television interview that



"the march will take place. Either if we will have reached an agreement (with Spain), and in that case it will go faster. If we will not yet have reached an agreement, it will take place."

Information Minister Ahmed Be-

him said yesterday, "the march is going to cross the border between Morocco and the Spanish Sahara." The Sahara region the reported plan earmarks for Morocco contains all the phosphate mines of the region. Morocco already is the world's

largest phosphate producer. But the government sources said Morocco and Mauritania have agreed to mine the mineral jointly. Phosphate is a prime ingredient in fertilizer.

The Moroccan sources said Spain was reluctant but they believed the accord was fair as it protects every body's interests. If the Al Aun parliament votes for the division, Spain will have honored its commitment of self-determination for the region, the sources said.

If a Morocco-Mauritania-Spain agreement is reached, it would deal a blow to Algeria which, hungry for an outlet on the Atlantic, backed the Spanish Sahara's pro-independence Polisario Front.

Relations between Morocco and Algeria, which fought a border war in 1962-63, have been strained since Hassan announced the march on October 16. Air service between the two countries continues but commerce and crossings by train and truck have been suspended. Private automobile and pedestrians experience long delays.

Nine trains left Rabat yesterday, carrying 10,000 volunteers, 221 trucks, 10 water trucks, 52 metric tons of camping material and 160 tons of staple foods.

From Marrakech, the ancient fort city where the railroad ends, the marchers will board the trucks — about 45 to a vehicle — for the grueling ride over bumpy, sandstrewn roads to Tarfaya. The first of Rabat volunteers are expected in Tarfaya in two days.

The first of 30,000 volunteers from Casablanca, Morocco's largest city, were scheduled to leave this morning in 40 trains for the three-day trip to the frontier.



President Anwar Sadat dances with singer Pearl Bailey as President Ford dances with Mrs. Sadat during a State Department dinner for the Egyptian leader at the White House on Monday. (AP radiophoto)

## The uninvited guest

By JOSEPH KRAFT

WASHINGTON

AN UNVITED GUEST — President Hafez Assad of Syria — provides the true measure of the current visit to the United States by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. For the test of the Sadat visit is expanding the partial agreement recently worked out between Egypt and Israel into a general settlement for the Middle East.

Expansion of that agreement, however, can only be achieved by bringing Syria into the settlement process. So the United States and Egypt will now have to begin taking Syria and President Assad far more seriously than they have so far.

Syria plays the vital role in any next step toward peace for a variety of reasons. The merry-go-round governments which used to be characteristic of Damascus are now a thing of the past. The regime of President Assad, in power since 1970, is a stable government.

Thanks to massive Soviet aid, moreover, Syria has become a serious military power, unlike 1956 and 1967, when they fought only token battles. The Syrians now have a regular army four times as big as the Israeli forces, equipped with the most modern tanks, planes and missiles. In the past few days, following President Assad's visit to Moscow, the Syrians have acquired new anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons which might give them the capability of initiating a war against Israel all by themselves.

The more so as Syria now, unlike the past, enjoys excellent relations with most of the Arab world. The Syrians continue to receive huge subsidies from Saudi Arabia and the oil sheikhs. They have worked out a unified command with Jordan, and except for Iraq, they are smiled upon by all the radical Arabs.

Finally there is the steady coming apart of Lebanon under pressure of fighting between Christian and Moslem factions. The Syrians have so far tried to play a moderating role. But the conflict is explosive, and Damascus could easily be drawn into the fighting. In that case the Israelis would probably move, and a new round of war would be on.

DESPITE the vital role of President Assad in any next step, it cannot be said that either the United States or Egypt have accorded the Syrians so much importance. The Egyptians did receive from Washington a pledge that after the interim agreement with Israel, President Ford would do his best to promote a similar agreement between Israel and Syria. Dr. Kissinger kept the Syrians abreast of the course of his negotiations. Subsequently, Mr. Ford reportedly invited President Assad to meet him in Europe next month.

But the Ford pledge to the Egyptians was very weak and general. Dr. Kissinger's briefings apparently did not satisfy President Assad. For Damascus denounced the

Egyptian-Israeli agreement only hours after it was signed. There followed a couple of boners which could only alienate Damascus. The U.S. Congress, without much protest from the White House, published the amount of military aid which the United States is considering for Israel. That practically obliged President Assad to go to Moscow, and get an equivalent commitment of aid.

Egypt's Foreign Minister, Ismail Fahmy, then leaked the word that President Ford had invited President Assad to a meeting in Europe. That practically eliminated a favorable response, since acceptance would have made Mr. Assad look like an Egyptian stooge.

IN THESE CONDITIONS it is possible to grade the various aspects of the Sadat visit. It is nice to have Washington and Cairo on good terms again, and there is probably little harm in some symbolic promises of American economic and military aid. It is useful for the Egyptian President to address the Congress — if only to rid himself of various illusions about the unlimited power of the President and the Secretary of State.

But a smarmy celebration of Egyptian-American harmony at the expense of other countries is just the wrong note to strike. What counts most is to create an atmosphere of progress toward a general settlement which will pull Syria into the process of negotiating with Israel. (Copyright)

## Portugal Communists launch poster attack

LISBON. — The Communist Party launched a frontal attack on Portugal's Socialist-dominated government yesterday with a city-wide poster campaign demanding the ouster of "rightists" in power.

The posters plastered on walls during the night voiced the party's support of a leftist soldiers' movement that has called for the removal of Prime Minister Jose Pinheiro de Azevedo and an end to "bourgeois discipline" in the armed forces.

The posters, which represented a major escalation in the Communists' anti-government campaign, appeared as Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu arrived for a four-day state visit aimed at strengthening Portugal's ties with Eastern Europe.

Ceausescu received a gala welcome at Lisbon's International Airport from a full complement of Portuguese leaders, headed by President Francisco de Costa Gomes. The visit seemed to have particular significance in that it comes at a time when Portugal's leadership appears torn about how far left it is desirable to move.

Ceausescu, foreign diplomats said, would probably be a strong advocate of strengthening ties with Eastern Europe and reducing Por-

tugal's remaining involvement with Nato.

Reports meanwhile circulated that elements within the military's powerful Revolutionary Council were pressing for the ouster of army chief Gen. Carlos Fabiao, who has made statements sympathetic to the leftist soldiers' movement.

Several afternoon newspapers said the removal of Fabiao, who left for a visit to West Germany on Monday, was among the topics discussed at a meeting of the 19-man council on Monday night. No statement was issued at the end of the session.

The reports reflected the growing split growing within the upper levels of the military hierarchy between the faction that supports the gradual development of socialism in Portugal and those who lean to the more rapid revolutionary line. (AP, UPI)

NEBO WOLFE — Author Rex Stout, 88, whose Nero Wolfe detective stories have sold more than 45 million copies in 22 languages, died on Monday, at his home in Danbury, Conn. Stout, who created the 130 kg. detective in 1934, had just had the 46th Wolfe mystery, "A Family Affair," published last month.

## 'Irish siege nears end'

MONASTEREVIN (UPI). — The Irish government set the stage yesterday for the final act in the kidnap drama of Dutch industrialist Tiede Herrema, whose 26-day ordeal at the hands of his captives appeared near its end.

Police sources said they are confident the kidnap duo and their hostage will be taken out alive from the upstairs bedroom where they have been trapped for the past week.

A government spokesman announced arrangements for press coverage of the final stages of the seven-day army and police siege of the two-story village house.

The expectation of an early end to the kidnap saga came after the government studied a detailed psychological report on the mental attitudes of the two kidnappers, Eddie Gallagher, 27, and Marian Coyle, 19. It said they were now "ripe" for surrender.

## U.S. atomic test shakes 3 states

MERCURY, Nevada (AP). — An underground nuclear warhead test shook parts of three states early yesterday, swaying tall buildings in Las Vegas, Nevada, and chandeliers in Fresno, California.

No damage was reported from the blast, also felt in parts of the north-west area of Arizona, which registered 6.5 on the Richter scale at the University of California seismographic station at Berkeley.

People were shaken from their sleep in Ridgecrest, California, 16 kms northeast of Los Angeles. The blast was detonated 1,400 metres underground and had an announced yield of from 200 kilotons to one megaton.

## Carpentier dies; Dempsey ill

PARIS. — Georges Carpentier, France's greatest boxer, nicknamed "The Orchid Man" because of his elegance in and out of the ring, died here yesterday aged 81.

Carpentier fought in every division from flyweight to heavyweight during his 20-year career. He was elected to Boxing's Hall of Fame 11 years ago.

After turning professional in 1907 at the age of 13 he won the world light-heavyweight championship in 1920.

Carpentier was best known for his clash with Jack Dempsey for the world heavyweight championship in New Jersey in 1921. He was beaten in four rounds by Dempsey in a fight which produced the world's first \$1m gate.

Dempsey, 80, has been in hospital in New York since Saturday. His illness has not been disclosed.

## Africans protest Czech racial discrimination

MOSCOW (AP). — Some 500 African students in Kiev marched on the Czechoslovakian consulate yesterday protesting racial discrimination in the case of a Czech woman who married a Nigerian student, a student spokesman reported. The African students claim Czech officials want to break up the marriage by sending Alena Grulichova, a 23-year-old philosophy student, back to her homeland before finishing her studies.

Last April she married Udo Usham, a 29-year-old student of international affairs.

"OBSERVER" — The editorial trustees of the "Observer" Sunday newspaper yesterday appointed Donald Trefford, 38, to be the paper's new editor. He has been deputy editor of the paper since 1969.

## U.S. trade surplus still growing

WASHINGTON (AP). — A surge in imported oil eroded the U.S. foreign trade balance in September, but it still managed to record its eighth consecutive monthly surplus, the government said yesterday.

The Commerce Department said the surplus for September was \$978.4m, \$64m. lower than in August. It was the smallest monthly surplus in five months.

The drop occurred because imports rose 2.9 per cent during the month, while exports advanced 1.9 per cent.

The biggest factor in the import increase was a 9.5 per cent jump in oil imports, to a total of 207 million barrels. The quantity of oil imports in September was second only to January's import of 235 million barrels this year.

Oil imports have varied widely all year, as importers reacted to President Ford's imposition of oil import tariffs and to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' increased prices. The latest increase in imports was in

line with expectations by trade specialists that oil imports would resume their growth later this year, as the U.S. recovery picked up steam and demands for fuel increased.

Despite oil, the total of imports for all of this year are still 1.9 per cent behind the same period a year ago.

Because of price increases, the value of the oil imported so far this year is \$18,500m. — is 3.4 per cent ahead of the same period last year.

The over-all trade balance for the first nine months of 1975 is a surplus by \$8,400m, compared to a \$1,500m deficit for the first nine months of last year.

## Fighting spreads in Timor

JAKARTA. — Pro-Indonesian forces have attacked Bacan, the second-largest town in Portuguese Timor, official sources said here yesterday.

The attack was regarded as significant in Jakarta because no battles had previously been reported in Eastern Portuguese Timor, where Bacan is located. The coastal town is 100 km. east of the capital, Dili.

In Australia, an aid team returning from Portuguese Timor said Indonesian troops were involved in the

civil war there.

The Australians, who had spent 10 days in the colony, said Indonesian helicopters were used in border areas to guide artillery attack against troops of the Revolutionary Front for Independence of East Timor (Fretilin).

They also said Indonesian soldiers had been captured up to 25 km. inside the colony, which shares an island with part of Indonesia.

They gave no specific examples, however. (Reuters, AP)

## A beautiful view for killing

By MICHAEL ROSS  
BEIRUT (UPI). — Zuhir and Ali huddled behind a sandbag barrier and studied a hand-drawn map with good places to kill people from marked off by red X's.

"Let's try it from here," said Ali, pointing to one of the marks.

The two men, followed by this correspondent whom they allowed to accompany them, edged off down the deserted street, past shops still smoking from the mortars and rockets that fell a few

hours before. Every now and then, another rocket or mortar would come slamming in, the street would shake and another shop would go up in flames.

A convoy of four jeeps with recoil-less rifles mounted on them came speeding down the street, their occupants flashing victory signs as they passed us.

We continued on up the street, past a school building. The barrel of a gun crept slowly out of an upstairs window and followed us

down the street, watching. The school building had been taken over a few days before and was being used as a rest house for militiamen.

A few metres ahead was our objective, a modern 12-storey apartment building, its rubble strewn and deserted entrance incongruously flanked by neatly clipped shrubs.

We took the elevator to the top floor and climbed up a ladder to the roof. There was, as Ali had said, a beautiful view of downtown Beirut but much of it was blocked off by the smoke that rose from bombed-out or mortared buildings. Straight ahead loomed the big green and white Holiday Inn, with a gaping black hole through

its upper four floors where a rocket had slammed in a few hours before.

"You see that hole?" one of them said, "we did that from here."

Ali unshouldered his AK-7 rifle, aimed it at the sightless son of a gun, and fired. After about a minute, both men nodded to another and it was time to go.

For snipers like Ali and Zuhir, every so often to make it difficult for the other side to know where the fire is coming from.

We took the elevator down to the lobby and edged out of the building. Above the entrance was a sign.

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## 'Trud' calls Sakharov a Judas

MOSCOW (UPI). — A Soviet newspaper labeled Andrei Sakharov a "Judas" yesterday and denounced the Nobel committee that awarded him the 1975 peace prize as "craftsmen of political pornography."

The newspaper "Trud" said the Nobel citation and its accompanying \$122,000 in prize money were given to physicist Sakharov by "ultra-reactionary politicians" who appreciated the dissident scientist's "prescriptions on how mankind should live."

"The fee and also the tip were formulated as a Nobel

Peace Prize," the newspaper said. "Sakharov was promised over \$100,000. It is difficult to say how this compares to the 30 silver coins of the ancient Judas."

In its lengthy commentary, "Trud" also attacked Sakharov's "hearings" on Soviet human rights held in Copenhagen and the Nobel committee itself.

"The reward with the Nobel Peace Prize seems to be the highest point achieved to date by the craftsmen of political pornography," it said.

Sakharov, the article said, "is no less concerned with the unity

of the enemies of the Soviet Union than the generals of NATO."

Also yesterday, Professor Benjamin Levich, the highest-ranking Soviet Jewish scientist to apply to go to Israel, said his exit visa was again in doubt despite earlier promises that he could leave in the next few months.

He said that in June 1974, he was told that his sons Alexander and Yevgeny could emigrate six months from then, and that he and his wife would be allowed out a year later. The sons in fact got their visas last March, and left.

## TIGHT SECURITY FOR OFFICIAL VISIT Shah seeks closer ties with Turkey

ANKARA. — Turkish airforce jets skimmed over Ankara Airport yesterday to welcome the Shah of Iran at the start of a five-day state visit marked by extensive security precautions.

The visit is regarded as a sign of growing warmth between wealthy Iran and its economically ailing neighbor, and follows Iran's agreement this month to give Turkey credits worth \$1,200 million.

Roads to the airport were sealed off before the Shah arrived, with armed troops standing at 200-meter intervals on his route into the city. But in Ankara, Istanbul and Iz-

mir, leftist groups have started a poster campaign against the Shah's visit. In Turkish and Persian the posters said: "Butcher of the people of Iran, get out." Some of the posters also carried derogatory cartoons of the Shah.

President Fahri Koruturk, Premier Suleyman Demirel, cabinet ministers and military commanders were at the airport to welcome the Shah and Empress Farah Diba when they stepped out of their Boeing 727 jet.

The Shah's motorcade, escorted by motorcycle policemen, sped into town over the main boulevard, lined with

red-white-and-green Iranian flags, as people returned home from work on foot because no public transport was available.

Iran is heavily dependent on Turkish ports, roads, railways and storage arrangements for its imports from Western Europe, and its credits are intended to improve Turkey's transit facilities.

The Shah and President Koruturk are expected to discuss ways of intensifying relations and the possibility of further joint economic and agro-industrial projects.

Informed sources said it was also possible they would consider a joint armaments industry.

Meanwhile, Turkey and the U.S. opened negotiations on a new defense agreement that will determine the status of U.S. bases in this NATO country. The first round of talks lasted an hour, cut short by the arrival of the Shah.

The American delegation to the talks was headed by Ambassador William Macomber and the Turkish team by Sukru Elekdog, Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry.

In an official announcement after the meeting the Foreign Ministry said the sides had presented "their respective viewpoints on the future of the defense relationship of the two countries." This was interpreted to mean that Turks and Americans made clear their demands and outlined the issues to be discussed in following rounds.

(Reuters, UPI, AP)



Mayor Abraham Beame of New York will not be on hand to greet Anwar Sadat and present him with a key to the city when the Egyptian leader arrives today to address the UN. Referring to the UN resolution against Zionism which Egypt backed, Mr. Beame said: "New York is a city of ethnic variety and I owe it to all of the groups who make up our city to speak out in their name against those who would see them marginalized in a world forum." The Mayor on Monday refused the State Department request to welcome Sadat, saying it would be an "act of hypocrisy." A spokesman for New York Governor Hugh Carey said the Governor was unaware he was to meet with Sadat tomorrow. (UPI)

## Captured and converted

months after she was kidnapped in February, 1974, Patty Wee announced she had become an inmate in arms with her abductors. Here is a description of conversion from a spoiled cess to urban guerrilla.

ATTY HEARST and Steven Wee were home in theirkeley apartment watching / at nine o'clock on the foggy night of February 4, 1974. The ung couple lived together in mething that used to be called / and smoked an occasional nt. But in Berkeley they were nsidered straight.

Outside, a stolen 1964 evrolet Impala convertible lled up in front and dimmed lights. Donald De Freeze, lly Wolfe and Nancy Ling rry emerged and moved ently to apartment No. 4. rry rang the doorbell while De eaze and Wolfe waited in the adows. Perry hunched over d held a hand to her face. "I had a car accident out front. I'm sorry," he said.

Wee cracked open the door d De Freeze and Wolfe burst brandishing guns, knocking n to the floor and kicking him the face with heavy boots. Wee grabbed Patty and carried r into the trunk with a brusque order: "Get in and keep quiet."

Patty was scared and half-Prankled but she stared hard-eyed r kidnappers. "Don't give any," she said.

Even in those terrible ments Patricia Campbell art managed to summon up e daring and arrogance that d been her style through 19 ars of life as an heiress to the earst fortune.

Her parents had provided y indulgence, tolerated her e smoking, her sneaking out, rock concerts at San Fran- eo's Fillmore auditorium and r faded blue jeans. When she uldn't accept the Catholic hool discipline that required r to scrub toilets for breaking tly rules, her parents asnered her to a more flexi- onsectarian school.

It was there she met Wee, a th teacher and the school's st eligible bachelor. Two ars later, when she was 18, she ved in with him. Her parents ally disapproved and Patty leffy worked at paying her n bills, holding a \$2.25 per ur job in a department store ve that up to return to school, father paid for her books, tion and the out-of-wedlock artment as well.

Patty was not used to dis- ortion. Her life had been in- ated from real-life drama and . She assumed her father d quickly ransom her.

E WAS KEPT blindfolded in a ty, closet-sized room with a ve light-bulb and a portable . There were no windows and as hot. She lost track of time d didn't feel like eating. She a told her parents loved y more than her. She was not raped or starved otherwise brutalized. But aid De Freeze, the SLA der known as Cinque, kept up constant intimidation. He



Eight-year-old Patty at her first communion.

berated her and her family for being part of a ruling class that was sucking blood from the common people.

"Your mommy and daddy are insects," he yelled. "They should be made to crawl on their hands and knees like insects if they want you back."

Patty tried to defend her parents. They had not hurt anyone. They were good people. Cinque was wrong. He had never met them.

But Patty feared Cinque. He told her she'd be killed if her parents did not meet the SLA's demands, and she believed him.

So Patty grew impatient as the ransom negotiations bogged down. "I felt my parents were debating how much I was worth," she later told Jack. "Like they figured I was worth \$2 million but I wasn't worth \$10 million. It was a terrible feeling that my parents could think of me in terms of dollars and cents. I felt sick all over."

It angered her when her father visited San Quentin and reported that the living conditions there were fine. The SLA had informed him that her living quarters were identical to those in San Quentin. Her father seemed to be saying that tiny cells, stale air and gloomy walls were an acceptable environment for his daughter.

And she became alarmed when heavily armed FBI agents raided a house where they thought she was being held. She felt her parents were recklessly allowing the FBI to risk her life.

After a while it seemed that her parents had given her up for dead. "It's really depressing to hear people talk about me like I was dead," she said in her second taped statement. "I can't explain what it's like." Her mother had taken to wearing black and speaking of Patty in the past tense. Worse, her mother had ignored an SLA demand by accepting another appointment from then governor Ronald Reagan as a regent of the University of California.

"I felt like I could kill her when she did that," Patty said. "My own mother didn't care whether the SLA shot me or not."

BY DEGREES her disillusionment with her parents turned into sympathy for the SLA. Cinque was the first to perceive the change. He rewarded her by allowing her to roam about the San Francisco apartment that served as the SLA headquarters. For a month she had been kept in a small "isolation chamber" approximating a San Quentin "hole." She'd become weak and could barely stand up. To be able to walk freely from one room to another seemed the world's greatest pleasure.

Cinque tempered his frequent beratings of her. Patty was urged to attend the SLA's daily political study sessions.

She was shown a long list of the Hearst family holdings — nine newspapers, 13 magazines, four TV and radio stations, a silver mine, a paper mill and prime real estate. Her parents clearly were part of the ruling elite. That's why they had quibbled over the ransom money. That's why they had handed out turkey giblets instead of steaks during the food giveaway that the SLA had demanded. Money meant everything to the economic class of her parents. And the only power that could fight that money was the power that came out of the barrel of a gun.

It was a political philosophy that had bored her when Wee and his doctoral student friends had discussed it in their Berkeley apartment. But Cinque's rough eloquence was more persuasive than the abstract talk of graduate students. The SLA's motives made sense. They wanted to redistribute the Hearst wealth to more needy people. It was her parents — and the economic class they represented — who were to blame for her misery and the misery of countless others.

The SLA members encouraged her radicalization. They hugged her, called her sister and ended her loneliness. Patty's conversion was as much emotional as political.

Seven weeks after she was kidnapped, Patty asked to join the SLA.

DESPITE their new respect for her, most of the SLA soldiers were opposed. Patty would deprive them of mobility because her face was so easily recognized. She could not be counted on in emergencies. She did not have the guerrilla training the others had.

But Cinque wanted her to become a comrade in arms. Cinque was the undisputed leader of the SLA. His experiences were of broken families, hungry children, prison bars. He was an escaped convict, a black among eight whites, a man of violence and wild boasts. None of the others even had police records. They looked to him as a guru. Patty's conversion was proof of his power and strength.

Cinque — and Patty — prevailed. On April 3 she announced in a communiqué that hereafter she was an SLA soldier. "I have chosen to stay and fight," she said. Her parents had only pretended to save her. They were liars. "The things which are precious to (them) are

their money and power. It should be obvious that people who don't even care about their own children couldn't possibly care about anyone else."

But Patty's statement contained a final plea to Steven Wee. "I wish you could be a comrade," she said. For three years she had believed herself in love with Wee. She knew him to be weak-willed and unromantic. But she still secretly hoped he'd do something daring and loving. He styled himself a radical. Perhaps he'd find a way to join her.

Instead he spoke to her from a TV panel show with words of condescension. Patty was brainwashed, Wee said. She would come to her senses if he had a chance to be alone with her.

"Frankly, Steven is the one who sounds brain-washed," Patty shot back in her next communiqué.

Wee was Patty's last tie to her former life. She had loved him, been faithful to him, pleaded for a show of understanding. He'd betrayed her. He was, as Cinque had labelled him much earlier, an "ageist, sexist pig."

Patty began sleeping with 23-year-old Willie Wolfe, whom she called Cujo. Of the three men in the SLA, Wolfe was the closest to Patty in age and background. The son of a Pennsylvania doctor, he'd attended private schools, been a varsity swimmer, sports editor of the school paper and gotten roughed up in antiwar demonstrations. He'd spent a summer working with kids in Harlem, then spurned the Yale family tradition and enrolled at Berkeley, where he'd roomed with SLA member Russell Little and met Cinque.

He subsequently joined the SLA combat unit that assassinated the Oakland superintendent of schools and wounded his assistant. (Patty told Jack that Wolfe also helped Cinque kidnap her. She said Wee was mistaken when he identified both of his assailants as black men.)

VIOLENCE once had turned Patty off. Now she found it appealing. She learned to use the converted rifles, practised "keeping my ass down" while crawling through Cinque's homemade obstacle course and took part in a bank robbery to prove herself to the SLA.

After the robbery, the SLA switched its headquarters from a racially mixed neighborhood to an all-black one in San Francisco. The eight white SLA members moved their clothes, guns and bullets in daylight — they were wearing Afro wigs and a black-face disguise that was smeared on so professionally that several observers mistook them for blacks. They left behind papers and other paraphernalia in a bathtub filled with acid and excrement beneath a spray painted sign that read: "Here it is, pigs. Have fun getting it."

In early May they moved again, driving south to Cinque's home turf in Los Angeles. On May 18 Patty and the Harrises took the SLA van to shop at Mel's Sporting Goods store in the suburb of Inglewood. Bill walked through the aisles with frequent glances over his shoulder, a nervous tip-off that a security guard misinterpreted. Bill was grabbed and handcuffed as a suspected shoplifter. He escaped when Patty, keeping a vigil outside Mel's, sprayed the store with machine-gun fire. But they were cornered and killed in a bungalow only blocks away.

"Neither Cujo nor I had ever loved an individual the way we loved each other," she said in her taped communiqué following the shootout.

Afterwards she clung to the Harrises and shared their love. But her pain over Wolfe's death was a long time in healing.

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Next instalment: Patty prepares for life in underground.

## 'Ford attacker was once paid by R. Hearst'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — Sara Jane Moore was kept on Randolph Hearst's payroll for several months in 1974, in hopes that she might help him find his then-fugitive daughter, says one of the authors of the "Rolling Stone" account of Patricia Hearst's underground life.

Mrs. Moore, 45, faced arraignment yesterday on a Federal grand jury indictment charging her with trying to assassinate President Ford on September 22.

While on Hearst's payroll in 1974, Mrs. Moore also was being paid by the FBI to report on his dealings with radicals whom the newspaper executive hoped would lead him to his daughter, reporter Howard Kohn said.

Mrs. Moore had worked for the \$2m food giveaway programme established by Hearst in an unsuccessful attempt to win the return of his daughter.

After the programme ended, Mrs. Moore "was kept on by Randolph Hearst ostensibly as a bookkeeper but actually to serve as sort of an informant because at the time she was associated with various SLA informers and sympathizers," Kohn said.

"And Hearst hoped that she would bring him some clues, some lead to find Patty."

## BRIDGE

Deal 1  
Both Vul

WEST  
♠ Q 9 8 3  
♥ Q J 10 4 2  
♦ A Q 4 3

EAST (D)  
♠ A 7 5  
♥ 10 9 8 3 2  
♦ 8 6 5  
♣ 8 5 6

SOUTH  
♠ A 4 3 2  
♥ A Q J 7  
♦ K 7  
♣ K J 10 7 2

North Pass  
South Pass  
All Pass

Today's two deals are from the Summer Nationals of the American Contract Bridge League. The declarer in deal one was the victim of a very pretty deceptive play.

The opening heart bid by South was Canape style, the short suit first. The opening lead of the diamond queen was won with the ace in dummy.

The club 9 was led on which South played low. West made an unusual play. He did not make the natural play of winning with the queen! He won with the ace! Thus declarer was certain that East held the club queen.

## DECEPTION

A diamond was now played to the king. The play of a high heart gave the news of the bad split. So the contract seemed to depend on the club suit. The club king was cashed, a club was ruffed in dummy, and a trump led to the South hand. Now the contract seemed secure: since another club could be safely ruffed, the remaining trumps could be pulled, and with clubs established, there were at most only two spades to lose. But it was West who produced the club queen, thus guaranteeing a trump trick for the defence, and the contract could no longer be made.

Deal 2

WEST  
♠ A 5 2  
♥ A 8 4  
♦ Q 7 4  
♣ J 8 6 2

EAST  
♠ 8 7 6  
♥ K 7 6 5 2  
♦ 8 5  
♣ 8

SOUTH  
♠ Q 4 3  
♥ A K 6 2  
♦ A K Q 7 5

CORRECTION: In 1976 the First European Pairs Championship will take place in Monaco and not in Morocco as published last Wednesday.

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The Natad dollar index continued to rise yesterday, ending at 112.31. The index had risen 0.10 points from 112.21 on Monday. The index is based on a basket of 100 foreign currencies, with the dollar being the base currency.

Among the more active were banking stocks. Bank Leumi was up half a point to 218.5 (101,000); Bank Leumi gained 8 to 269 (37,000); Wolfson IL10 was up half a point to 112 (115,000); Bank Leumi Investment rose 5.5 to 207.5 (187,000).

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## Dow jumps 12.98

Analysts said action in Washington on proposals to help New York City meet its debt obligations continued to be a major influence on stock market prices. The rise was fuelled by word from the White House that President Ford would make an important speech today on the city's troubles and by the Senate banking committee's decision to vote tomorrow on a federal loan guarantee proposal.

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| YIGDAL | 162.0  | 153.0  |

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# Advice from the Grand Old Man of retail jewellery— Keep an eye on your inventory and date your diamonds regularly

By HELGA DUDMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**WALK TO WORK**; and keep a constant analytical eye on your inventory. That is part of the seemingly successful philosophy of Morris B. Zale, the "Grand Old Man" of Dallas, Texas, who runs the world's largest retail jewellery operation, consisting of over 1,600 retail outlets in America and representing one of the world's largest diamond buyers and processors. Mr. Zale, 74, was guest of honour and head of the group of American jewellery executives now touring Israel, and his presence palpably contributed to the number participating — 85, from 42 different American cities.

Diamonds were the starting-point of the Zale corporation, but it has expanded to include drugs, toys, fashion, shoes, home-furnishings and sporting goods as well — and even military insignia. It all began in 1924, with a single jewellery store in Texas, opened by Morris Zale and his brother William, both born in Russia. Today they are Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the Executive Committee of a conglomerate employing 18,000 and doing over \$600m. yearly in net sales.

One of the corporation's most impressive achievements lies in its record for 1973: that year, less than a year ago, the American economy in general was one of record-breaking good business for Zale. In a recent interview in Zale's suite at the King David Hotel, I asked him if this were indeed so.

"I don't know," said Mr. Zale mildly, as though the reasons were perfectly obvious. For one thing, he has already survived worse times: "Don't forget, I went through the Depression. Of the early 'thirties, for those who do not recall it. Even then, people always came in to buy something." In such a situation, sensible management will naturally move cautiously: "You pull back, subconsciously." But at the same time, the firm's direction is toward growth.

In retailing, this growth centres on the practical — and not terribly complicated — according to Mr. Zale — analysis of unsold stock. "There are no tricks. You are pushed by high overhead costs, which you cannot control. So you must regularly figure out what merchandise is left unsold, and calculate the markdown necessary in order to sell the remainder profitably." The difficulty (though apparently not at Zale) is to keep a strict account on how long each item has been hanging around, and prevent it from eating up too much of the running selling costs without turning over. At Zale, even diamonds are regularly "dated."

**SUCCESS**, Mr. Zale seems to believe, is much harder to measure than mere inventory. When asked how he felt when his firm first reached a million dollars yearly turnover, he said, "I really don't remember."

"Oh, but I remember the day we first took in a thousand dollars," Mrs. Zale interjected. "We were married in 1928, two years after the



Morris Zale is presented with the medal of Israeli Industry by Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haim Bar-Lev, in Tel Aviv this week.

first shop was opened. And I remember that you said, 'Just imagine, if we could take in a thousand dollars every day!'"

Mrs. Zale listened intently throughout our conversation. She always travels with her husband — they have just returned from Johannesburg — and will soon be off on a round-the-world business trip — and "always sets up housekeeping, even on a plane." She made coffee for me — no room-service orders — and offered a tin of home-baked almond cookies. Both Zales, in fact, have a friendly, simple manner and no visitor will ever feel underdressed arriving without diamonds.

The present group tour of American jewellers, organized by the New York magazine "National Jeweller," is of value "in exposing the participants to the problem of the country," Mr. Zale suggests. While the Zales have to be Israel many times, only 2 or 3 of the group — the majority of whom are Jewish — have ever been here before. Local host and organizer of the meticulously planned two-week tour is the Israel Diamond Institute.

The Zale International Diamond Division buys rough diamonds directly from a De Beers subsidiary, and operates buying offices in Tel Aviv, Bombay, and London, with manufacturing facilities in Tel Aviv and Puerto Rico. The firm's purchases here come to \$8m. annually.

"I have peculiar habits," Mr. Zale told me. "I like to walk to our office in Ahuzat Beit through the Carmel Market." On such excursions, he is

given to reflecting that the peddlars at their stands are not troubled by inventory analysis. Israel's diamond industrialists, by contrast, he sees as "among the world's shrewdest and toughest, working at closer margins than anybody else."

"I used to see them with their little envelopes containing perhaps two diamonds... Then the next time, they would have a few more. They're very hard bargainers, and eventually they knocked the competition off their feet. They have been fortunate, too, in having your banks behind them. Now I see them everywhere — in Japan, Hong Kong — there are the Israelis, selling and selling hard."

The Zale Empire might be viewed as a model of de-centralized big business: "We are an association of small companies, carefully nurtured" — a little like a huge department store, but with the departments physically separate. Some are more profitable than others, but profitability, too, Mr. Zale warns, can be illusory: it all depends on how you calculate it.

The empire also has strong family ties. Two Zale sons and a nephew are top executives. About 60 people own well over half of the corporation's shares. The balance, listed on the stock exchange, are owned by some 13,000 "outside" stockholders.

Given this background of up-from-nothing immigrant talent built into legendary success, I asked whether Mr. Zale had any advice for the Israeli economy. "Certainly not," he said. "I wish I could help — but have you ever heard of anybody taking advice?"

# X-rays may cause, as well as detect, cancer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — New questions have been raised about the safety of the use of routine, periodic X-rays to search for breast cancer in young women who have no symptoms.

Dr. John C. Ballar, former acting director of the National Cancer Institute's cancer control programme, said last week there seems to be a possibility that the radiation dose from X-rays examinations may eventually take almost as many lives as the X-rays might save by earlier cancer detection.

The NCI and the American Cancer Society, which jointly sponsor a nationwide breast cancer screening programme, strongly disputed Ballar's views. The NCI said: "It is felt that the benefits derived by use of ionizing radiation for breast cancer detection far outweigh the risk involved."

The screening programme is checking 270,000 women over 35 years old across the U.S. annually for signs of breast cancer, the No. 1 cause of cancer deaths in women. The detection centres use X-rays — either mammography or xeroradiography — along with physical examinations and heat sensing instruments. In a preliminary report last March the Cancer Society said the screening is detecting more than twice the number of cancers anticipated and it is catching them earlier when the chances of long term survival are much better.

"I have no doubt whatever about the value of breast cancer screening," Ballar said. "The evidence is very clear that screening programmes can save lives. The question I am raising is whether mammography and xeroradiography ought to be included in the screening programme."

## MUSIC

### Preoccupation with death

THE SPECIAL CONCERT by the Chamber Ensemble, dedicated to the music of Dmitri Shostakovich, was transformed by the composer's recent death into a memorial concert. (Tel Aviv, Beit Hanayal, Oct. 22). As a result, the performance of his last symphony, No. 14, in which Shostakovich is pre-occupied with the theme of death, assumed special meaning. By including, in addition to the symphony, Shostakovich's early Concerto for Piano, Trumpet and Orchestra, the programme unfortunately presented two weak works. The concerto, composed in 1933, has lost much of its appeal and now sounds rather hollow and insignificant. The symphony, which includes 11 songs by Lorca, Apollinaire, Rilke and the Russian poet Kuchelbecker, shows a sad decline of the composer's creative powers and even his melodic inventiveness seems to peter out into

banal oversimplification. In two or three songs Shostakovich occasionally recaptures some of his earlier vitality but most of the music is regrettably tepid and uninteresting. A brilliant performance could perhaps have saved the evening. But, with the exception of soprano Netania Davrat, performances lacked any personal touch or artistic profile. Ruth Menase played the piano part of the concerto with astonishing indifference. Erela Hibovsky-Bak, (trumpet) demonstrated little more than strong volume and Boris Carmeli (bass), singing in the symphony, gave another example of what he should not sing. The orchestra sounded thin and lifeless. So it was Miss Davrat who provided all the enjoyment. When it comes to Russian vocal music, there is no one like her.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

### Inspiration was absent

PERHAPS we should envy the West Berlin radio station RIAS for having the funds to support a symphonic youth orchestra of its own, but listening to its first appearance here (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, Oct. 21), we unfortunately could not admire the group's musical accomplishments. The youngsters appear to be competent musicians in the-making, disciplined and with an esprit de corps, but they were unable to derive any inspiration from their conductor. He provided little more than indications of beat, metre and entries.

Ben-Haim's "Fanfare to Israel" was too noisy, Boris Blacher's "Music Concertante," despite its rhythmic verve, sounded mechanical and even Mozart's flute concerto was a disappointment. Nervousness was probably partly responsible for the inadequate phrasing and attention to detail of soloist Martina Wahn. Finally, we were treated to the platitudes of Rimsky-Korsakov's Symphony No. 1 (Op. 11), an inexpressible choice, played mechanically, without any attempt to relieve monotony by varying tempi and dynamics. B.A.

### A beautiful dialogue

AT ITS SECOND subscription concert the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra presented a new conductor and a soloist hitherto only known by reputation (Jerusalem, October 26). Jacques Delacote, a pupil of the late Hans Swarowsky, shows the influence of the Vienna tradition in conducting the orchestra in a flexible and elegant manner, reaching for smooth moving tempi and a singing performance. The Three Orchestral Pieces, opus 6, by Alban Berg, is even today, 60 years after its composition, quite difficult for untrained ears to absorb. The conductor may have helped to achieve understanding and acceptance by laying stress on the melodic, lyrical aspects in which the score abounds. Christoph Eschenbach played the solo part in Mozart's Concerto in C Major (K. 467) with faultless fluency

and complete involvement. The audience was very much taken by the youthful pianist and warmly applauded him. The Impromptu in E-flat (opus 90, No. 2) by Schubert, offered as encore, reinforced the impression, that Eschenbach has the ability to reach the top-rank with growing maturity. Completely satisfying cooperation between conductor and soloist brought out the beautiful dialogue of the piano and the orchestra.

Cesar Franck's Symphony is a composition full of melodic invention and emotional content, coupled with thorough workmanship, but it is heard rather too often to be enjoyed fully by the conscientious concert-goer. Mr. Delacote kept the music moving at a good pace, but the performance was not more than good routine. YOHANAN BOHEM

## REHOVOT MAGISTRATES COURT

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NEARLY SIX HUNDRED spokesmen for ex-North African Jews now living in various parts of the world are this week conferring in Israel, their agenda topped by ways of bridging this country's socio-economic gaps. There is hardly a citizen who is not aware that the absorption of the largest single immigrant group in Israel — the 500,000 Jews who came from North Africa — has been more difficult than that of almost any other group, and the pains of their acclimatization are in some areas still acute.

The very convening, for a second time, of an International Congress of North African Jews is a most welcome development, especially as it provides the opportunity to recruit many of the prosperous members of that community living abroad for the task of tackling some of Israel's social woes. Unlike most Jewish communities of Islamic countries, it was not the overwhelming majority of Maghreb Jewry that settled here. Half a million of them were attracted by more lucrative opportunities elsewhere, especially in France. These happened to be, in general, the better educated and skilled members, with more chance of success in broader fields. Not all have made it abroad, and some are facing problems not dissimilar to those of North African immigrants here. Others have climbed the ladder of success and these have as a rule been quicker in pointing out the shortcomings of Israel society than in helping solve them.

It seems incongruous that the organisers, who purport to champion the cause of the have-nots, should have chosen to open the Congress in the plush Tel Aviv Hilton, and hold most of their sessions at the exclusive Country Club. It is furthermore questionable whether the Moroccan immigrant in a city slum, an outlying development town or remote, culturally barren village really regards the delegates as his representatives and identifies with them. It cannot be denied that some of the Israeli delegates are well-entrenched establishment functionaries. It is equally questionable whether Shalom Cohen's heckling Panthers have any better claim to represent them (one faction of the Black Panthers, it should be noted, did not take part in the efforts to disrupt the Congress proceedings).

But whether establishment or Panthers, this is the time for leaders of Israel's North African settlers to muster up courage, abandon facile, popular slogans, and rise above apportioning blame and brandishing grudges for the absorption failures of two decades ago. The new message to come out of this Congress should be an increasing stress on self-help, rather than on demands for more assistance which can lead only to greater dependence.

Further, the Congress should not fear to point out that charges of discrimination can be unjust and even preposterous, as Yehoshua Peretz has shown in Ashdod. It would be a true sign of leadership on the part of the delegates to say this publicly, instead of choosing the easier, but ultimately more dangerous course of taking Peretz's side and attacking his critics.

To mix metaphors, let them take the chip off their shoulder and put this shoulder to the wheel. For the economic and social advancement of all of us can best be achieved by all Israel's communities doing their bit without mutual recrimination and jealousies. At the same time, where discrimination against any group of citizens is in fact practised, it must be wiped out, and if any group suffers deprivation, this must be ended.

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## VIEWPOINT

# El Al strike can do more damage to Israel than the Arab boycott

By SAM BOTHERBERG

I NEVER DREAMED that circumstances could ever reach a point where I would feel compelled to write these lines.

In the past, a number of Americans like myself, who do not live on the East Coast of the United States, have foregone the convenience of the direct connection with Israel available on other airlines in order to fly by El Al. We have done this because El Al is Israel's national carrier and we wanted Israel to earn the revenue.

But it has become evident in recent months that many of even Israel's best friends and supporters have stopped flying El Al and unfortunately their number is growing rapidly. Once a passenger defects from his usual airline, he seldom comes back to it.

Time is of the essence for all who travel by air, particularly for those who go to Israel on business or urgent missions. I know that many of us cannot afford the lengthy delays in the departure times of El Al flights.

I know, too, that these delays are mostly the result of labour troubles — whether a strike by pilots or maintenance workers, or a deliberate slow-down on the part of one vested interest group or another, or some other labour problem.

THE CONSTANT uncertainty about almost every El Al flight has led people to shy away from using it and some of them for that matter, from going to Israel at all. But the inconveniences are nothing in comparison with

the damage that the situation is inflicting on the country.

Many potential investors know that Israel is not the easiest country in which to make an investment. The added experience of a prolonged delay in their flight or the sudden stoppage of El Al flights altogether gives them a negative picture of the labour situation in Israel before they even arrive. They may be scared off before getting down to serious negotiations.

What is the point of complaining about the Arab boycott, when the disruption of El Al services can do more damage to Israel's economy than the boycott ever did?

FOR MANY PEOPLE, El Al is their first contact with Israel and for too many it is becoming a nightmare. I can only pity the harassed staff who have to deal with the irate passengers. They must have long run out of excuses and cannot provide any rational explanation for what is happening.

It is painful to see the chaos created by the unconscionable selfishness which is systematically destroying one of Israel's finest economic assets. Unless El Al's workers wake up to the seriousness of their disruptive action, unless there is an immediate return to sanity, unless normal operations are resumed immediately, it may mean the end of the airline.

Is it really possible that the El Al employees fail to appreciate the tremendous damage they are doing both to the airline and to Israel? I doubt it.

## READERS' LETTERS

# Warning necessary before phone is disconnected

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The smug reply of the Spokesman of the Ministry of Communications (September 30) to the complaint of your correspondent, Mr. E. Goldstein, about the Ministry's recent decision to disconnect telephones of subscribers who do not pay their bills within 21 days reflects a measure of high-handedness and insensitivity which should not go unchallenged.

While nobody can fault the Ministry for wanting to clear up and prevent defaulted payments it should bear in mind the following points:

(1) The cost of giving a telephone warning to subscribers before disconnection is probably more than covered by the generous IL60 charged by the Ministry for each reconnection following punitive disconnection.

(2) The measure hits worst people, including those on reserve duty, hospitalization or out-of-town assignments, and who live alone and have nobody to handle their mail.

(3) Bankers' order is no solution for people having no bank accounts or sharing a telephone. Also, such a carte blanche to his bank can land the owner in debt for months whenever he gets an excessive bill due to computer error.

If the Ministry's aim is to deprive defaulters of the continued use of their equipment, they could easily specify their tolerance in terms of charges rather than time. Thus subscribers could be allowed, say, IL50 additional use before disconnection, which gives some 10 weeks when no calls are made, but much less otherwise. Since charges are nowadays instantly determined from the metre reading at the exchange, I see no reason for the drastic and indiscriminate alternative.

ARYEH SEKEY

Tel Aviv, October 5.

The Ministry of Communications replies:

Reply:

Vote for Foss

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am very sorry that the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Lukas Foss, is leaving for a tour and even sorer to hear rumours that Maestro Foss may not be staying with us.

Foss is unfortunately not popular with the critics, but he is popular, loved and admired by his faithful audience and his concerts are crowded with young and old. His Marathons and Profiles of a Composer and other interesting topics may not have snob appeal and may not be bolstered by famous soloists (incidentally, he sponsors young local artists and new immigrants), but all that is more than compensated by a pervading love of music.

Maybe other enthusiasts of Foss will join me in asking the competent authorities not to deprive us of these moving musical experiences.

ALISA SIEV-OR

Jerusalem, October 10.

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# When Pidgin is preferable to ongoing English

I TRIED TO SHOW last week that in many ways Pidgin English is preferable to the Watergate variety. Borrowing from the structure of Melanesian languages, Pidgin even has separate pronouns for "we" when expressing the intention to include or exclude the hearer. *Mifela* thus means "we, but not you," while *yumi* means "we, including you."

THE MORE I READ, the more I am convinced that a debased form of Pidgin, far less pleasant than that used in the South Seas, has become the lingua franca of the United States and Britain. Edwin Newman has developed the idea in 193 pages of his "Strictly Speaking: Will America be the Death of English?" which struck such a responsive chord among people who care about the survival of the language that the book headed the Bestseller lists for six months.

Many professional people seem to have forgotten the differences between verbs and adverbs, nouns and adjectives, and in recent times we seem to have gone through an accelerated process of coarsening the language.

It has become fairly commonplace to see nouns used as verbs: "he authored a book," "she hosted a party." I recently clipped an example from "Time" magazine in which a reader announced that she and her husband were getting along well because "we dialogue."

Some nouns have been demoted to adjectives (like "gourmet") while some adjectives, conversely, have become nouns — "prices reached an all-time high." If you prefer a shotgun effect, you can do a lot of widespread damage by turning nearly every noun into an adverb; simply add the suffix "wise," resulting in such Madison Avenue monstrosities as "probability-wise."

Mrs. Malaprop's progeny are legion. They use "deprecate" for "depreciate," "resource" for "recourse," "disinterested" instead of "uninterested" and "contemptuous" instead of "contemptible." They confuse "irony" with "satire," and believe "decimate" means to "annihilate" instead of to reduce by a tenth.

Even "The New York Times" is full of fractured English. There is a pronounced tendency to use "convince" when they mean "persuade" and then to compound the offence by making it "convince to." The paper abounds with things like "comprised of" instead of "composed of" and "more importantly" when the writer means "more important," charges Edwin Newman, citing scores of examples.



Buttons are for sewing, yumi, according to this inhabitant of Australian New Guinea, in Melanesia. (Tony Squinier)

Newman quotes a sentence of James Reston's in the greatest demolition job on the loathesome usage of "hopefully" that I've yet seen: "Hopefully, the Americans believe this would increase the chances for a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict." Newman simply asks, "Do the Americans hope or does 'The Times' hope?"

Redundancies are all the rage: "true facts," "square-shaped" (as opposed to square-coloured?), "successfully avoided," and the all-too-frequent "serious economic crisis" (to distinguish it from those crises which aren't in the least bit serious). Newman is visibly shocked by a reference made by the Mayor of Boston to "young juveniles."

Right now, I'm fighting a losing battle against the hideous "ongoing," which seems to have displaced "continuing" altogether, a linguistic confirmation of Gresham's Law that "bad money drives out good."

I'm a lost cause. Even as I write I'm being outflanked by a Pentagon spokesman who is quoted (in the Hawk missile commission controversy) today as saying that a fee of \$175,000 was due to Milchan Brothers "for in-country services." No doubt they'll be collecting another commission for out-country services as well.

THERE IS a constant draining-away of useful words which have lost their meaning without being replaced. "Contemporary" seems to have become synonymous with "modern," for example, so that nowadays if I read that "Gladstone gets a raw deal from contemporary historians," I am at a loss to know

whether the writer meant 19th, 20th century historians.

"Discriminating" is used only in perjorative sense and "gay" may only be taken to mean homosexuals that precise shade of meaning that not quite happy, cheerful, mirthful, merry, jolly, bright or light-hearted has been irrevocably lost to us.

This represents a measurable degree of erosion of the language, symptom of the creeping illiteracy which is affecting Western society. It's hardly surprising that a number of freshmen taking remedial English courses at American universities has doubt in the last four years and publishes have been forced to simplify language in their college text books. Even the rather prissy "Gardian" has recently amended its style book to permit the word "despite" to replace "in spite of" instead of "in spite of." Style books are the last defence of serious newspaper against sloppy writing. The "New Yorker" used to contain a reminder: "The average contributor to this magazine is semi-literate."

EVEN THEN, accidents do happen. The "Oxford Mail" book was full of useful advice like "prefer still" room to lounge or drawing-room, less the context makes it a proper noun. Blenheim Palace have a drawing-room and a parlour. This did not prevent "Mail" reporter who had inspected the renovated gateway of Blenheim from writing that the Duke Marlborough had had his bed regilded.

It's best to stick to plain, unadorned English, as Roger Ascham pointed out four centuries ago: "Speak as the common people and think as the wise men do." The formula was once followed mainly by a miner who was interviewed by the BBC. BBC said: "Do you want an election?" Mine: "Yes." BBC man: "Why?" Mine: "To get the buggers out."

Here you have, the precise formulation of an idea without any necessary elaboration.

Colloquial English, too, has its faults. There has been a scandal in British Health Services recently because the majority of those immigrant doctors who took English examination failed it. The knowledge of medical terminology seems to have been adequate. It was when they came face to face with patients who told them: "that something dodgy in me waterway see?" or "it's me tubes acting again" that they proved unequal to the task.

Colloquial English may appear completely opaque to the uninitiated but holds a sort of horrid fascination for people on nodding terms with like Michael Frayn's repeated editions of "Oceano finkie is!" by "The Book of Fub." Philip H. Wallace relishes its unbelievable tortions. In a recent article reminded his readers how far used to go upstairs on the double-decker trams or buses leaving wife and child in the "No smoking" section downstairs.

The conductor would later preach him for the fares, ask: "Are you the gentleman with the insides?"

# A WILD-CAT STRIKE SERIOUSLY ENDANGERS EXPORTS WORTH \$ THREE MILLION

Their labour dispute with the Hadera Labour Council has motivated the Alliance Workers' Committee arbitrarily to stop work at the plant, even though the dispute has nothing to do with the firm.

This action was taken without prior notification, and in spite of the fact that previously good labour relations existed.

This wild-cat strike is aimed at the Histadrut. In a letter from the Alliance Workers' Committee to the secretary of the Hadera Labour Council, it was pointed out that

"our struggle is not against the factory but against the Hadera Labour Council."

The strike is causing grave damage to the Company and severely curtailing the Company's ability to compete in overseas markets, since export orders of over \$3 million a month cannot be filled.

Because of an internal investigation within the Histadrut, and against the better judgement of the majority of workers, a small reckless group is pursuing the worst possible course by striking a plant of 1600 workers, in which only recently IL70 million were invested in an expansion and development programme.

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